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SUBJ: PUBLICATIONS OF TURKISH-SOVIET TRADE PROTOCOL FOR 1978-1979

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1. NINETEENTH TURKISH-SOVIET TRADE PROTOCOL, WITH SIX
ANNEXES, WAS PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF AUGUST 1.
PROTOCOL AND ANNEXES, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1978, TO

MARCH 31, 1979, PROVIDE INFORMATION IN ADDITION TO THAT REPORTED IN REF A. ACCORDING TO TURKISH OFFICIALS, PROTOCOL AND ANNEXES ENTAIL TWO-WAY TURKISH-SOVIET TRADE OF \$360 MILLION, UP 38 PERCENT OVER THE LEVEL PLANNED IN THE PREVIOUS PROTOCOL. TEXT OF PROTOCOL INDICATES THAT CREDIT MARGIN FOR ANNUAL CLEARING ARRANGMENT IS \$30 MILLION RATHER THAN THE \$50 MILLION REPORTED IN PARA 7 OF REFTEL. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF CONTENTS OF AGREEMENTS, BASED ON EMBASSY'S REVIEW OF TEXT.

2. SOVIET EXPORTS TO TURKEY WILL BE WORTH \$155 MILLION, 23 PERCENT ABOVE LEVEL PLANNED IN PREVIOUS ANNUAL PROTOCOL. EXPORTS WORTH \$99 MILLION OF THIS AMOUNT ARE LISTED BY TURKISH TARIFF NUMBER IN PROTOCOL. \$56 MILLION REMAINDER IS DESCRIBED IN TWO ANNEXES, ONE COVERING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT YET TO BE CONTRACTED FOR (\$40 MILLION) AND THE OTHER COVERING SOVIET MATERIALS FOR EXPANSION OF ISKENDERUN IRON AND STEEL PLANT AND SHIPPING COSTS (\$16 MILLION).

3. TURKISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS EXPECT TO EXPORT GOODS WORTH \$150 MILLION UNDER THE PROTOCOL AND, \$55 MILLION MORE UNDER THE ANNEXES. MOST OF THE TURKISH EXPORTS LISTED IN THE PROTOCOL WERE DESCRIBED PARA 6, REF A. FIFTH ANNEX PROVIDES FOR TURKISH REPAYMENT FOR NEW DELIVERIES OF UNSPECIFIED SOVIET "MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND TECHNOLOGY" BY THE FOLLOWING TURKISH EXPORTS (VALUED IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS):

TOBACCO	3.25
FILBERTS	13.00
RAISINS	3.20
CITRUS FRUITS	3.25
OLIVES	0.05
FRESH FRUIT	2.70
COTTON	2.25
ALUMINA	4.00
GROUND BARITE	2.60
MANUFACTURED PROD.	2.65

TOTAL 39.25

SIXTH ANNEX LISTS THE FOLLOWING TURKISH EXPORTS, VALUED IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, INTENDED TO OFFSET MATERIALS TO BE SHIPPED TO ISKENDERUN AND THEIR TRANSPORT COSTS:

ALUMINA	3.2
RAW BARITE (IN PIECES)	1.6
GROUND BARITE	3.2
CONCENTRATED WOLFRAM	2.0

MOHAIR	2.5
COTTON	3.5
TOTAL	16.0

4. THE PROTOCOL DOES NOT SPECIFY WHAT KIND OF SOVIET HELICOPTERS TURKEY PLANS TO PURCHASE FOR \$2.5 MILLION EACH (PARA 4, REF A), EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THEY ARE TO BE USED TO SPRAY AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES. MOREOVER, PROTOCOL DOES NOT MENTION SOVIET EXPORTS OF HYDROFOILS OR AIRPLANES. PRESUMABLY, THE \$20 MILLION FOR THE LATTER IS INCLUDED IN THE \$40 MILLION DESCRIBED AS "MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT" AT THE END OF PARA 2 ABOVE.

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5. EMBASSY IS POUCHING TO EUR/SE COPIES OF NINETEENTH TURKISH-SOVIET TRADE PROTOCOL AND SIX ANNEXES IN TURKISH AND RUSSIAN LANGUAGES. DILLON

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